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Chief, Transportation Division,  
Office of Logistics

Deputy Comptroller

**Excess Charges on Return Shipment of Personal Effects**

25X1 REFERENCE: Dispatch No. [ ] dated 17 March 1955 from the Acting Chief,  
25X1 [ ] to the Chief FX

1. The referenced dispatch was referred to this Office and bears a notation to route the reply through [ ]
2. The attached draft of a proposed dispatch to be issued by your Office in reply to the question involving excess charges on return shipments of personal effects from the [ ] Area has been prepared by this Office and concurred in by the Chief, Planning and Control Staff, Transportation Division, Office of Logistics.

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TAS/ELM/baw (14 June 55)

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DISPATCH

VIA : AIR

TO : Acting Chief, [ ]

FROM : Chief, FE

SUBJECT: General - Administrative/Logistics  
Specific - Shipment of Household Goods; Policy for Payment Thereof

REFERENCE: a. [ ], dated 17 March 1959

b. DIR - 37309

1. The referenced dispatch (a) referred to policy for charges assessed on excess weight of return shipments of household goods. Reference "a" propounds the question "Are excess charges, if any, prorated against storage or against shipping costs, or possibly, both?"
2. Return shipments of employee's household effects from certain points in the [ ] Area to CONUS are made exclusively by [ ] and accordingly are subject to regulations which permit return shipments not in excess of 8,750 pounds when such cover is utilized. The fact that household effects of such weight may be shipped, however, does not imply that the shipment is entirely at [ ] expense. In determining the weight of the return shipment which will be transported at [ ] expense, consideration is given to the weight allowance of household effects assigned to the GS grade of the employee, as set forth in paragraph 10c of [ ], and the weight of effects placed in storage when the employee was assigned PCS overseas subject to the 40% deduction as set forth in paragraph 11d of [ ]. Consequently, when the weight of the return shipment, plus the weight of the household effects stored at [ ] expense, exceeds the weight limitation for the GS grade of the employee, the latter is liable for the transportation cost on the excess weight of the return shipment.
3. Application of the foregoing and the computation of the excess weight for which the employee shall bear transportation costs, is illustrated below:

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**CONFIDENTIAL****SECRET**DRAFTHypothetical Facts:Pounds

1. Gross weight allowed GS-12 employee under  
10c of  13,500
2. Actual net weight of effects stored in  
CONUS 5,000
3. Gross weight of return shipment 8,000

Computation of Excess Weight:

Based upon the above hypothetical facts, the determination of excess over weight limitation is calculated as follows:

1. Weight of return shipment (3 above) 8,000
2. Net weight of effects stored (2 above) 5,000
3. Convert item 2 to gross weight of effects  
by adding allowance for weight of packing  
material 5000  $\cdot$  60% 8,333
4. Total 1 plus 3 16,333
5. Gross weight allowed GS-12 employee  
(1 above) 13,500
6. Excess weight to CONUS to be borne by  
employee at applicable transshipping  
rates 2,833

4. No adjustment or credit with respect to storage charges may be applied in calculating the employee's liability for excess shipping costs even though the weight of household effects stored in CONUS at  expense plus the weight of the effects shipped when the employee departed to the  was less than the maximum assigned to the applicable GS grade.
5. Further examples setting forth the computation of excess weight to be borne by the employee are illustrated on the attachment.

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~~SECRET~~ CONFIDENTIALEXAMPLE COMPUTATIONS OF EMPLOYEES' SHARE OF RETURN SHIPMENT COST  
FOR RETURN SHIPMENTS  

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	<u>GS-16 and Above</u>	<u>GS-13 to GS-15</u>	<u>GS-9 to GS-12</u>	<u>GS-6 to GS-8</u>	<u>GS-5 and Below</u>
Weight allowed para. 10c of <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 20px;"> </span>	18,000	16,000	13,500	10,000	7,000
Shipped overseas	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,000	4,000
Balance 1 minus 2	13,500	11,500	9,000	6,000	3,000
Less 40% of 3 for weight of packing material	5,400	4,600	3,600	2,400	1,200
Net weight allowed for storage 3 minus 4	8,100	6,900	5,400	3,600	1,800
Weight of effects stored - 60% of shipping weight	7,000	6,500	5,000	3,000	1,800
Convert item 6 for weight of packing material plus weight of effects	11,667	10,833	8,333	5,000	3,000
Authorized weight of return shipment (Item 1 minus item 7)	6,333	5,167	5,167	5,000	4,000*
Weight of return shipment	8,750	8,200	8,000	4,000	4,000
Employee bears shipping costs on excess of 9 over 8	2,417	3,033	2,833	---	---
All figures are in pounds					

\*Return shipments subject to limitations provided in   when amount shown in item 8 is less than that authorized in such regulations.

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24 May 1955  
(Date)

TO: , C/Finance Division

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3. Application of the foregoing and the computation of the excess weight for which the employee shall bear transportation costs, is illustrated below:

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| 4. Total 1 plus 4   | 16,333 |
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5. Accordingly, it has been concluded as a matter of policy that the computation of the excess costs of return shipments shall be based on shipping rates rather than attempting to adjust storage rates in any instance when the weight of effects stored was less than the authorized limitation. In effect, the weight of effects placed in storage at the time of departure to a PCS overseas location represents the ceiling for payment of storage charges at  expense and no retroactive adjustments shall be made in order to permit the return shipment at  expense of increased weights of personal effects.
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